HOUSE BILL 3336

By Coley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to a pilot project on comparative education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 8, Part 6, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 49-8-604. Subject to funding in the general appropriations act, there shall be a pilot project in comparative education as a joint undertaking between the University of Memphis through the Confucius Institute hosted by the university in collaboration with educational entities in the People's Republic of China. The project shall be assessed for its value in assisting the evolution of educational processes in both cultures. The project shall be for a period of three (3) years and shall be subject to evaluation by the university and the board of regents of the state university and community college system. The university and the board shall jointly issue an interim report after two (2) years and a final report at the end of the final year of the project to the education committees of the house of representatives and the senate.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.